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According to the 1990 census, almost 64 percent of West Virginia's people live in rural areas. Among the 50 states, only Vermont has a more rural population.

Total Employment, Unemployment, and Civilian Labor Force in West Virginia

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	*Prelim. Feb. '92*	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*	*Change from: Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
Civilian Labor Force	729.4	731.4	721.9	-2.0	7.5
Total Employment	665.0	666.0	664.3	-1.0	0.7
Total Unemployment	64.4	65.4	57.7	-1.0	6.7
Unemployment Rate	8.8	8.9	8.0	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	782.4	788.9	770.6	-6.5	11.8
Total Employment	677.8	679.1	687.1	-1.3	-9.3
Total Unemployment	104.7	109.8	83.5	-5.1	21.2
Unemployment Rate	13.4	13.9	10.8	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment in West Virginia decreased 1,000 during the month to an estimated 665,000 in mid-February. Employment often dips a little between January and February. Employment on nonfarm payrolls throughout the State moved down 1,300 to 617,900 in February. Among goods-producing industries, mining lost 700 jobs, due in part to temporary layoffs in the coal industry, and construction experienced a seasonal reduction of 600. Manufacturing contracted slightly in apparel and chemicals. Goods-producing companies altogether cut back employment 1,500 over the month.

Total service-producing employment varied little, as the January count of 482,000 marginally increased to 482,200 in February. Trade's sharp decline of 1,300 was a seasonal fluctuation typical for this time of year. The services sector gain of 1,000 reflects seasonal changes and an ongoing pattern of employment additions by health and social services businesses. Total government went up a slight 300 while other sectors remained largely unchanged.

The count of nonfarm payroll jobs this month remains 2,400 ahead of last February. Additional employees have been added in the service-producing industries, which are up 7,600 over the year, while goods-producing employment has fallen by 5,200 since February of 1991. Recessionary conditions have caused a significant portion of the goods-producing loss, which may be recovered as soon as the national economy improves.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents declined 1,000 since mid-January. February's 64,400 unemployed residents represented an unemployment rate of 8.8 percent for the month, down from 8.9 last month but still above the 8.0 rate in February of 1991. The increase since last year reflects an economy weakened by the national recession.

West Virginia Economic Indicators

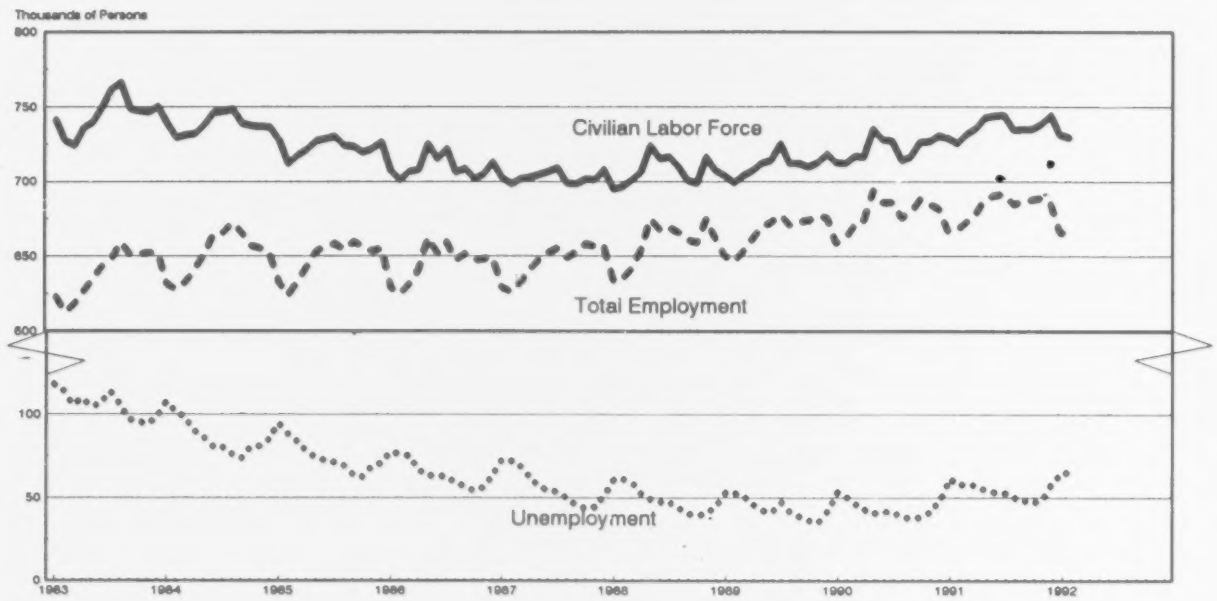
	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.6	40.5	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	39.8	40.6	39.7
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,544	2,544	2,558
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$483.98	$486.41	$467.78
Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.7	47.5	44.7
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$815.29	$882.55	$821.59
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	13,358	14,296	13,566
Seasonally Adjusted	14,565	14,346	14,792
Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,152	1,259	1,159
Seasonally Adjusted	1,071	1,166	1,078
New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	5,003	6,268	3,802
Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,296	1,868	1,334
Seasonally Adjusted	1,204	1,181	1,240
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,307	3,756	2,327
Seasonally Adjusted	2,024	1,861	2,042
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	4.8	5.1	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.7	3.8
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.4	6.6

Selected National Data

	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	8.1	8.0	7.2
Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.1	6.5
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	138.6	138.1	134.8
1967 Base	415.2	413.8	403.8
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	121.9	121.7	121.4
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000)			
Week including 12th, Unadjusted	470.6	692.5	497.9
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	3.8	3.9	3.8
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.2	3.1
Average Hours and Earnings of Private Sector Production & Nonsupervisory Workers, Unadjusted			
Average Weekly Earnings	$361.18	$354.90	$346.80
Average Weekly Hours	34.3	33.8	33.9
Average Hourly Earnings	$10.53	$10.50	$10.23

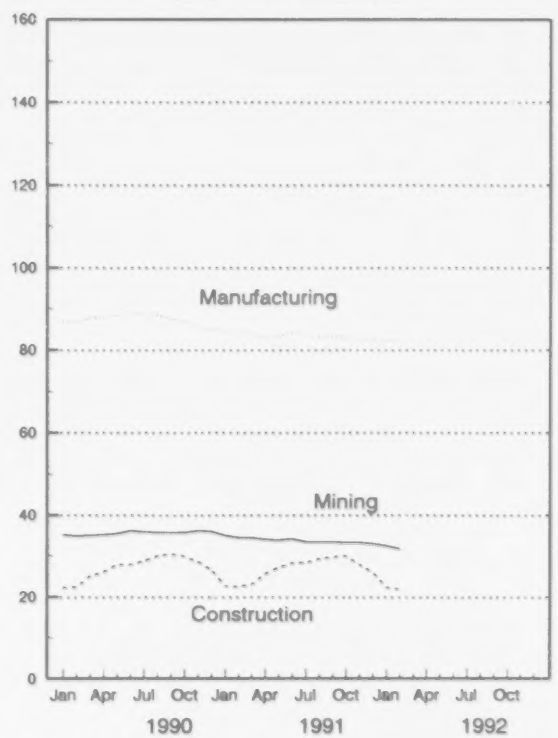
Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

Total Employment, Unemployment and Civilian Labor Force



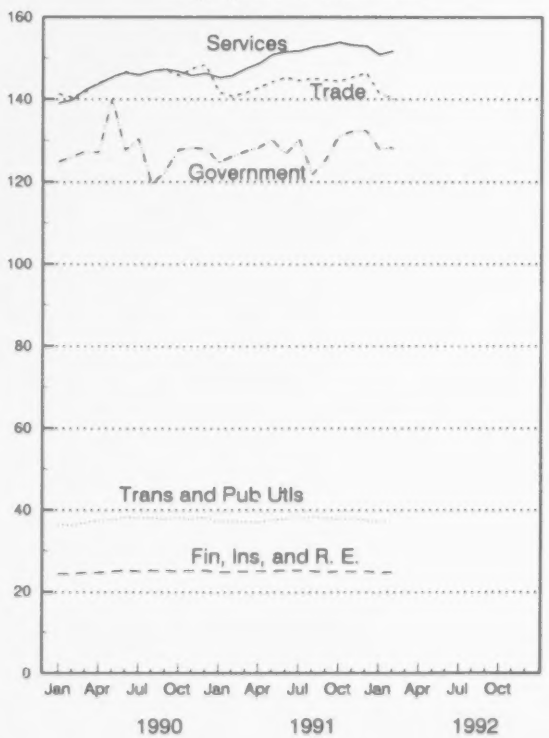
Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'92	Revised Jan.'92	Revised Feb.'91	Change From: Jan. 1992	Change From: Feb. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	617.9	619.2	615.5	-1.3	2.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	489.7	491.3	489.5	-1.6	0.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	135.7	137.2	140.9	-1.5	-5.2
Mining	31.8	32.5	34.5	-0.7	-2.7
Coal Mining	26.7	27.3	29.2	-0.6	-2.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.2	4.3	4.4	-0.1	-0.2
Other Mining	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Construction	21.8	22.4	22.5	-0.6	-0.7
General Building Contractors	5.7	5.9	5.8	-0.2	-0.1
Heavy Construction	5.3	5.4	6.3	-0.1	-1.0
Special Trade Contractors	10.8	11.1	10.4	-0.3	0.4
Manufacturing	82.1	82.3	83.9	-0.2	-1.8
Durable Goods	44.9	44.9	46.8	0.0	-1.9
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.7	7.7	7.4	0.0	0.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.0	7.0	7.3	0.0	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.1	13.1	13.7	0.0	-0.6
Fabricated Metal Products	5.6	5.6	5.5	0.0	0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.8	4.8	5.9	0.0	-1.1
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	1.8	1.8	2.2	0.0	-0.4
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	37.2	37.4	37.1	-0.2	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.0	4.1	4.1	-0.1	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.0	17.1	17.3	-0.1	-0.3
Other Nondurable Goods	4.9	4.9	4.6	0.0	0.3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	482.2	482.0	474.6	0.2	7.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.1	37.3	0.1	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.8	0.0	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	9.8	9.8	9.8	0.0	0.0
Other Transportation	3.5	3.5	3.2	0.0	0.3
Communications	8.1	8.0	8.2	0.1	-0.1
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.3	12.3	12.3	0.0	0.0
Trade	140.2	141.5	140.7	-1.3	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	29.5	29.7	29.9	-0.2	-0.4
Retail Trade	110.7	111.8	110.8	-1.1	-0.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	4.5	4.6	4.3	-0.1	0.2
General Merchandise Stores	16.2	16.8	15.2	-0.6	1.0
Food Stores	22.1	22.1	22.1	0.0	0.0
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.3	14.3	14.2	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.5	4.7	5.8	-0.2	-1.3
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	33.0	33.2	33.1	-0.2	-0.1
Miscellaneous Retail	12.0	12.0	11.8	0.0	0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	24.7	24.8	0.1	0.0
Finance	14.1	14.0	14.0	0.1	0.1
Insurance	6.7	6.7	6.9	0.0	-0.2
Real Estate	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Services	151.8	150.8	145.8	1.0	6.0
Agricultural Services	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	8.0	8.1	7.8	-0.1	0.2
Personal Services	6.5	6.4	6.7	0.1	-0.2
Business Services	14.0	13.9	13.8	0.1	0.2
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	5.7	5.6	5.6	0.1	0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	0 2
Health Services	59.1	58.9	56.1	0.2	3.0
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.4	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	29.6	29.5	28.1	0.1	1.5
Other Health Services	18.6	18.5	17.6	0.1	1.0
Legal Services	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	5.9	5.6	5.7	0.3	0.2
Social Services	13.0	12.8	11.7	0.2	1.3
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	7.9	7.8	7.3	0.1	0.6
Government	128.2	127.9	126.0	0.3	2.2
Federal	17.0	17.0	16.2	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.2
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	4.9	0.0	0.2
Other Federal	8.7	8.7	8.3	0.0	0.4
State	40.0	39.7	39.0	0.3	1.0
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
Education	18.3	18.1	18.0	0.2	0.3
Other State	19.2	19.1	18.6	0.1	0.6
Local	71.2	71.2	70.8	0.0	0.4
Hospitals	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	0.1
Education	45.4	45.4	45.8	0.0	-0.4
Other Local	20.8	20.8	20.1	0.0	0.7
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.8	1.9	xx	xx

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands -- Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb.'92	*Revised Jan.'92*	*Revised Feb.'91*	*Change From: Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	281.2	281.6	274.6	-0.4	6.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	213.0	213.6	207.9	-0.6	5.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	23.4	23.8	24.0	-0.4	-0.6
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.0	2.1	2.2	-0.1	-0.2
General Building Contractors	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.0	-0.1
Heavy Construction	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1
Special Trade Contractors	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	19.4	19.7	19.8	-0.3	-0.4
Durable Goods	7.2	7.4	7.7	-0.2	-0.5
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.4	0.6	0.8	-0.2	-0.4
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	12.2	12.3	12.1	-0.1	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	0.1
Paper & Allied Products	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.0	-0.1
Printing & Publishing	1.9	2.0	2.0	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	2.0	2.0	1.8	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	257.8	257.8	250.6	0.0	7.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.1	8.3	7.9	-0.2	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.1	0.9	-0.1	0.1
Other Transportation	0.6	0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Communications	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	67.0	67.2	65.5	-0.2	1.5
Wholesale Trade	6.1	6.1	5.7	0.0	0.4
Retail Trade	60.9	61.1	59.8	-0.2	1.1
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.5	11.8	10.3	-0.3	1.2
Food Stores	11.7	11.7	11.5	0.0	0.2
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Accessory Stores	3.8	3.9	4.8	-0.1	-1.0
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.4	1.4	1.6	0.0	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	20.0	19.8	19.3	0.2	.7
Miscellaneous Retail	8.0	8.0	8.1	0.0	-0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.6	15.3	15.5	0.3	0.1
Finance	11.0	10.8	11.0	0.2	0.0
Insurance	3.2	3.1	3.1	0.1	0.1
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Services	98.9	99.0	95.0	-0.1	3.9
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3.9	4.2	4.1	-0.3	-0.2
Personal Services	4.2	4.1	4.3	0.1	-0.1
Business Services	7.3	7.4	6.8	-0.1	0.5
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
Health Services	48.6	48.6	46.2	0.0	2.4
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.2	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	24.4	24.4	23.3	0.0	1.1
Other Health Services	14.4	14.4	13.7	0.0	0.7
Legal Services	3.3	3.3	3.1	0.0	0.2
Educational Services	2.8	2.9	3.2	-0.1	-0.4
Social Services	9.3	9.2	8.5	0.1	0.8
Membership Organizations	11.7	11.5	11.6	0.2	0.1
Engineering & Management Services	2.8	2.8	2.6	0.0	0.2
Government	68.2	68.0	66.7	0.2	1.5
Federal	7.2	7.3	7.0	-0.1	0.2
Hospitals	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.0	4.1	4.0	-0.1	0.0
State	19.8	19.6	19.1	0.2	0.7
Hospitals	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1
Education	10.1	10.1	9.5	0.0	0.6
Other State	7.9	7.8	7.9	0.1	0.0
Local	41.2	41.1	40.6	0.1	0.6
Hospitals	4.2	4.1	4.1	0.1	0.1
Education	29.6	29.7	29.6	-0.1	0.0
Other Local	7.4	7.3	6.9	0.1	0.5

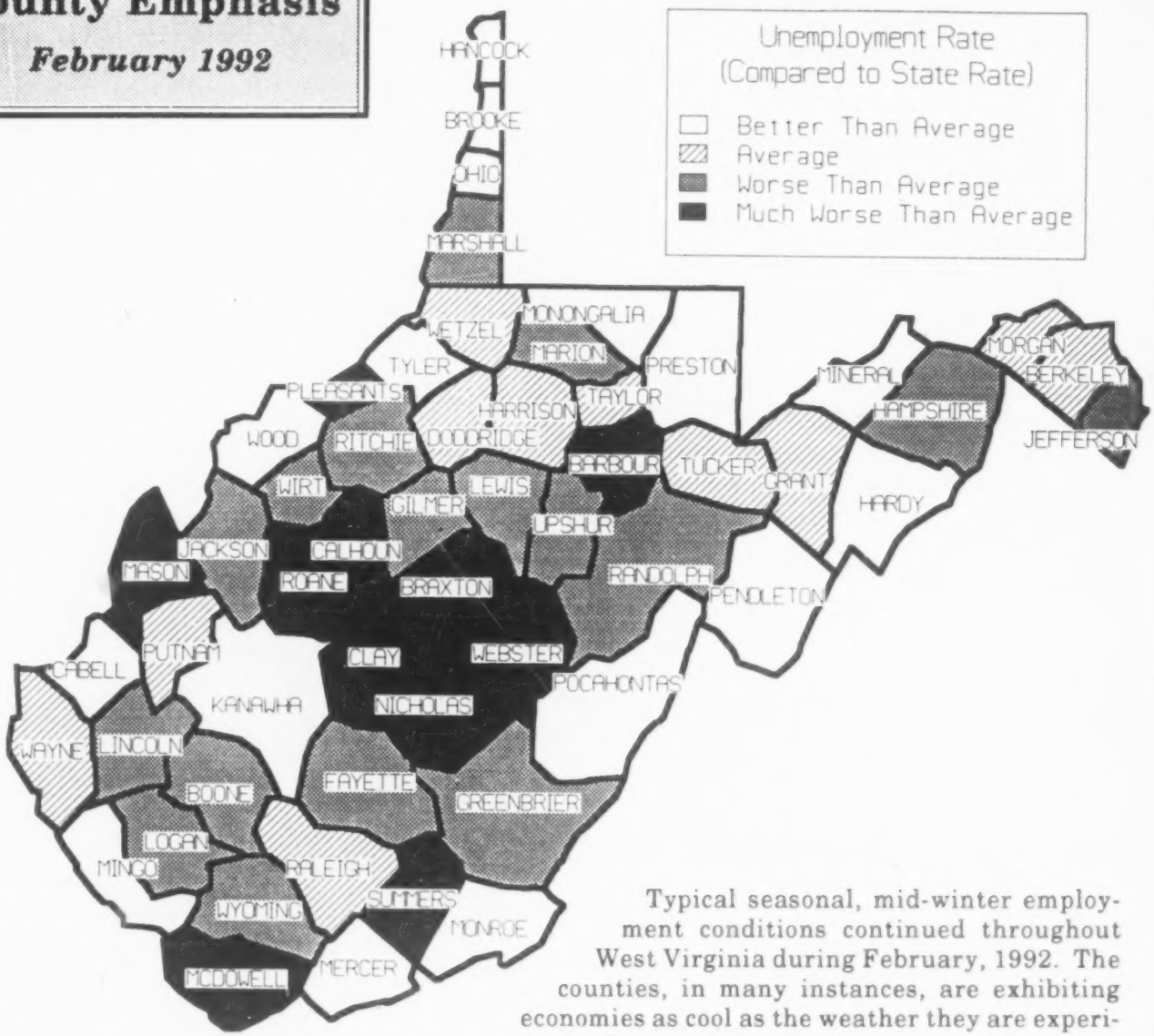
Average Hours and Earnings, West Virginia Production and Nonsupervisory Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'92	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*
TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR	$360.63	$360.06	$349.47	35.6	35.3	35.3	$10.13	$10.20	$9.90
Mining	768.62	824.03	772.15	45.4	46.9	44.3	16.93	17.57	17.43
Coal Mining	815.29	882.55	821.59	45.7	47.5	44.7	17.84	18.58	18.38
Oil & Gas Extraction	515.37	490.06	445.46	44.2	43.6	41.4	11.66	11.24	10.76
Other Mining	452.12	447.02	494.86	43.1	42.9	43.6	10.49	10.42	11.35
Construction	527.44	498.79	467.88	36.4	35.3	35.1	14.49	14.13	13.33
Manufacturing	483.98	486.41	467.78	40.5	40.5	40.5	11.95	12.01	11.55
Durable Goods	498.42	503.42	476.89	41.5	41.4	40.9	12.01	12.16	11.66
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	312.07	307.68	290.14	40.9	39.7	39.8	7.63	7.75	7.29
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	468.79	471.24	443.82	40.8	39.5	39.0	11.49	11.93	11.38
Primary Metals Industries	657.66	664.60	647.02	42.9	43.1	43.6	15.33	15.42	14.84
Fabricated Metal Products	450.04	466.75	426.10	39.1	40.8	39.2	11.51	11.44	10.87
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	500.35	501.82	456.30	41.8	41.2	38.9	11.97	12.18	11.73
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	582.99	595.32	557.28	43.9	45.1	43.1	13.28	13.20	12.93
Transportation Equipment	521.33	538.57	451.31	43.3	44.4	42.1	12.04	12.13	10.72
Nondurable Goods	466.88	463.74	454.46	39.3	39.3	39.9	11.88	11.80	11.39
Food & Kindred Products	365.38	381.40	354.14	38.1	38.8	37.2	9.59	9.83	9.52
Textile Mill Products	253.65	279.89	235.20	38.2	40.8	35.0	6.64	6.86	6.72
Apparel & Other Textile Products	216.55	212.41	205.92	37.4	37.2	35.2	5.79	5.71	5.85
Paper & Allied Products	386.57	345.98	280.74	43.0	38.7	39.1	8.99	8.94	7.18
Printing & Publishing	304.96	310.94	347.05	31.9	32.8	37.6	9.56	9.48	9.23
Chemicals & Allied Products	731.18	724.35	679.26	44.1	43.9	43.1	16.58	16.50	15.76
Transportation & Public Utilities	502.25	498.16	503.89	41.0	40.6	41.1	12.25	12.27	12.26
Trucking & Warehousing	407.83	402.90	405.72	43.9	42.1	41.4	9.29	9.57	9.80
Communications	498.02	502.57	532.47	36.7	37.2	40.4	13.57	13.51	13.18
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	652.26	641.51	624.98	42.0	42.4	42.2	15.53	15.13	14.81
Trade	239.72	236.08	224.84	31.5	30.9	30.8	7.61	7.64	7.30
Wholesale Trade	468.46	461.30	427.10	40.7	40.5	39.4	11.51	11.39	10.84
Retail Trade	181.58	179.55	172.14	29.1	28.5	28.5	6.24	6.30	6.04
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	253.55	250.87	267.33	38.3	38.3	39.9	6.62	6.55	6.70
General Merchandise Stores	184.47	194.32	177.15	28.6	28.0	26.8	6.45	6.94	6.61
Food Stores	184.21	178.20	174.43	27.7	27.0	27.6	6.65	6.60	6.32
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	267.14	259.18	269.38	36.1	35.7	36.6	7.40	7.26	7.36
Apparel & Accessory Stores	135.90	136.22	125.90	26.7	26.4	25.8	5.09	5.16	4.88
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	293.73	280.87	270.48	37.9	37.4	34.9	7.75	7.51	7.75
Eating & Drinking Places	125.44	119.81	110.70	25.6	24.5	24.6	4.90	4.89	4.50
Miscellaneous Retail	196.04	198.69	184.83	30.3	29.7	30.3	6.47	6.69	6.10
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	318.17	304.61	307.82	37.3	36.7	36.3	8.53	8.30	8.48
Finance	270.11	255.23	250.97	36.9	36.1	35.7	7.32	7.07	7.03
Insurance	446.22	441.18	450.03	38.5	38.7	38.3	11.59	11.40	11.75
Real Estate	305.25	284.96	309.92	37.0	36.3	35.5	8.25	7.85	8.73
Services	289.67	284.08	275.13	33.8	33.5	33.8	8.57	8.48	8.14
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	228.96	202.65	225.27	28.8	26.7	28.3	7.95	7.59	7.96
Personal Services	230.08	214.84	203.80	33.2	32.8	33.3	6.93	6.55	6.12
Business Services	234.72	236.47	232.46	32.6	33.4	33.4	7.20	7.08	6.96
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	347.94	343.41	337.35	40.6	39.7	39.0	8.57	8.65	8.65
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	159.75	167.18	145.42	25.0	26.0	24.9	6.39	6.43	5.84
Health Services	330.62	330.26	309.40	36.9	36.9	36.4	8.96	8.95	8.50
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	194.81	195.10	191.05	33.3	32.9	34.8	5.85	5.93	5.49
Hospitals	396.04	402.04	366.07	38.6	39.3	37.7	10.26	10.23	9.71
Other Health Services	302.16	291.23	286.64	36.1	35.3	35.3	8.37	8.25	8.12
Legal Services	433.94	396.13	407.00	38.3	37.3	37.0	11.33	10.62	11.00
Social Services	203.31	190.67	186.33	30.3	28.5	30.9	6.71	6.69	6.03
Engineering & Management Services	499.80	460.02	404.78	40.7	37.4	37.0	12.28	12.30	10.94

The above figures represent the hours and earnings f more than 400,000 private sector production and nonsupervisory workers in West Virginia. Comparable totals for the United States appear at the bottom of page 3. Additional industry detail for the United States and for other states is available upon request.

County Emphasis

February 1992



Typical seasonal, mid-winter employment conditions continued throughout West Virginia during February, 1992. The counties, in many instances, are exhibiting economies as cool as the weather they are experiencing. Construction employment is down as it normally is this time of year while mining and manufacturing jobs have contracted slightly during the thirty day period. Service producing employment provided only a minor positive improvement over the month. Because of this basic seasonal inactivity, several counties continued to post unemployment rates considered much worse than average. Included in this group are Calhoun (20.0), Roane (17.5), Barbour (17.2), Braxton (16.9), Clay (15.1), Nicholas (14.1), McDowell (13.9), Summers (13.8), Mason 13.7), Pleasants (13.7), and Webster (13.1). Except for Calhoun and Roane however, all these rates were declines from the previous month.

While the economies were predictably dormant in many areas, a number of counties displayed a degree of economic resilience and registered unemployment rates considered better than average. Counties in this group are Cabell (7.7), Mingo (7.7), Preston (7.7), Hancock (7.6), Mercer (7.5), Tyler (7.5), Pocahontas (7.4), Brooke (7.3), Wood (7.3), Monroe (7.1), Kanawha (6.3), Mineral (6.3), Ohio (6.3), Hardy (6.2), Pendleton (5.5), Monongalia (4.3).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

February 1992

(Revised Janaury 1992 in parentheses)

These Labor Force Statistics Were Designed To Be Used For Economic Analysis

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,370	(4,350)	3,620	(3,520)	750	(830)	17.2	(19.2)
Berkeley	29,850	(29,860)	27,410	(27,410)	2,430	(2,440)	8.1	(8.2)
Boone	8,410	(8,420)	7,510	(7,530)	900	(890)	10.7	(10.6)
Braxton	5,160	(5,290)	4,290	(4,330)	870	(960)	16.9	(18.2)
Brooke	9,340	(9,400)	8,660	(8,690)	690	(710)	7.3	(7.6)
Cabell	42,980	(42,870)	39,680	(39,610)	3,310	(3,260)	7.7	(7.6)
Calhoun	2,860	(2,810)	2,290	(2,270)	570	(540)	20.0	(19.2)
Clay	3,110	(3,120)	2,640	(2,600)	470	(520)	15.1	(16.7)
Doddridge	2,370	(2,390)	2,180	(2,190)	190	(200)	7.9	(8.4)
Fayette	17,030	(17,340)	15,170	(15,190)	1,860	(2,140)	10.9	(12.4)
Gilmer	2,890	(2,820)	2,570	(2,560)	320	(260)	10.9	(9.2)
Grant	4,620	(4,620)	4,170	(4,180)	450	(430)	9.8	(9.4)
Greenbrier	15,000	(15,380)	13,280	(13,240)	1,720	(2,140)	11.5	(13.9)
Hampshire	6,830	(6,850)	6,050	(6,070)	790	(780)	11.5	(11.4)
Hancock	12,540	(12,520)	11,590	(11,640)	950	(880)	7.6	(7.0)
Hardy	5,630	(5,580)	5,280	(5,210)	350	(370)	6.2	(6.6)
Harrison	29,270	(29,430)	26,740	(26,870)	2,530	(2,560)	8.7	(8.7)
Jackson	9,290	(9,310)	8,140	(8,150)	1,150	(1,170)	12.4	(12.5)
Jefferson	17,180	(17,060)	15,420	(15,380)	1,770	(1,680)	10.3	(9.8)
Kanawha	96,270	(96,600)	90,200	(90,200)	6,070	(6,400)	6.3	(6.6)
Lewis	7,310	(7,230)	6,480	(6,470)	830	(770)	11.4	(10.6)
Lincoln	7,640	(7,530)	6,670	(6,590)	970	(940)	12.7	(12.5)
Logan	12,990	(13,000)	11,690	(11,730)	1,310	(1,270)	10.0	(9.8)
McDowell	6,550	(6,570)	5,640	(5,610)	910	(960)	13.9	(14.6)
Marion	21,940	(21,820)	19,450	(19,810)	2,490	(2,010)	11.3	(9.2)
Marshall	14,690	(14,410)	12,840	(12,950)	1,850	(1,460)	12.6	(10.1)
Mason	9,250	(9,360)	7,990	(8,050)	1,260	(1,310)	13.7	(14.0)
Mercer	25,940	(26,180)	23,980	(24,090)	1,950	(2,080)	7.5	(8.0)
Mineral	10,350	(10,360)	9,700	(9,680)	650	(680)	6.3	(6.6)
Mingo	11,440	(11,360)	10,560	(10,550)	880	(810)	7.7	(7.1)
Monongalia	40,570	(40,530)	38,810	(38,790)	1,760	(1,750)	4.3	(4.3)
Monroe	5,040	(5,050)	4,680	(4,670)	360	(390)	7.1	(7.6)
Morgan	5,090	(5,060)	4,690	(4,680)	400	(370)	7.9	(7.4)
Nicholas	8,760	(8,910)	7,530	(7,500)	1,230	(1,410)	14.1	(15.8)
Ohio	23,220	(23,420)	21,750	(21,950)	1,460	(1,470)	6.3	(6.3)
Pendleton	3,870	(3,850)	3,660	(3,660)	210	(190)	5.5	(4.9)
Pleasants	2,140	(2,150)	1,850	(1,850)	290	(310)	13.7	(14.2)
Pocahontas	5,010	(5,240)	4,640	(4,750)	370	(490)	7.4	(9.3)
Preston	13,100	(13,220)	12,090	(12,080)	1,010	(1,130)	7.7	(8.6)
Putnam	16,620	(16,710)	15,130	(15,130)	1,490	(1,580)	9.0	(9.4)
Raleigh	27,860	(27,830)	25,320	(25,230)	2,550	(2,590)	9.1	(9.3)
Randolph	11,620	(11,750)	10,410	(10,470)	1,210	(1,290)	10.4	(10.9)
Ritchie	5,190	(5,240)	4,660	(4,640)	520	(600)	10.1	(11.5)
Roane	4,990	(5,060)	4,120	(4,180)	870	(880)	17.5	(17.3)
Summers	4,150	(4,150)	3,580	(3,560)	570	(580)	13.8	(14.0)
Taylor	5,800	(5,830)	5,240	(5,270)	560	(560)	9.7	(9.6)
Tucker	3,990	(3,990)	3,670	(3,630)	330	(360)	8.1	(9.0)
Tyler	4,640	(4,670)	4,290	(4,330)	350	(340)	7.5	(7.2)
Upshur	8,030	(8,110)	7,050	(7,090)	980	(1,020)	12.2	(12.6)
Wayne	15,760	(15,870)	14,230	(14,210)	1,530	(1,660)	9.7	(10.5)
Webster	2,840	(2,880)	2,470	(2,460)	370	(420)	13.1	(14.6)
Wetzel	9,240	(9,230)	8,400	(8,470)	840	(760)	9.1	(8.3)
Wirt	2,020	(2,000)	1,770	(1,750)	250	(250)	12.4	(12.5)
Wood	40,230	(40,160)	37,300	(37,340)	2,930	(2,820)	7.3	(7.0)
Wyoming	6,500	(6,720)	5,770	(5,960)	730	(770)	11.2	(11.4)
Statewide	729,400	(731,400)	665,000	(666,000)	64,400	(65,400)	8.8	(8.9)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)

February 1992

(Revised January 1992 in parentheses)

Approved by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to Allocate Federal Funds and Determine Eligibility for Federal Assistance Programs

County	*Civilian Labor Force*		*Employment*		*Unemployment*		*Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force*	
Barbour	4,910	(4,980)	3,690	(3,580)	1,220	(1,400)	24.9	(28.1)
Berkeley	31,890	(32,050)	27,940	(27,960)	3,950	(4,100)	12.4	(12.8)
Boone	9,120	(9,170)	7,660	(7,670)	1,460	(1,500)	16.0	(16.3)
Braxton	5,790	(6,030)	4,370	(4,420)	1,420	(1,610)	24.5	(26.8)
Brooke	9,940	(10,050)	8,820	(8,860)	1,120	(1,190)	11.2	(11.9)
Cabell	45,810	(45,860)	40,440	(40,400)	5,370	(5,470)	11.7	(11.9)
Calhoun	3,260	(3,220)	2,330	(2,310)	930	(900)	28.5	(28.1)
Clay	3,460	(3,520)	2,690	(2,650)	770	(870)	22.1	(24.8)
Doddridge	2,530	(2,570)	2,220	(2,240)	300	(340)	12.0	(13.1)
Fayette	18,490	(19,090)	15,460	(15,490)	3,030	(3,600)	16.4	(18.8)
Gilmer	3,140	(3,040)	2,620	(2,610)	510	(440)	16.4	(14.4)
Grant	4,980	(4,990)	4,250	(4,270)	740	(730)	14.8	(14.6)
Greenbrier	16,330	(17,090)	13,540	(13,500)	2,790	(3,590)	17.1	(21.0)
Hampshire	7,440	(7,500)	6,160	(6,190)	1,280	(1,310)	17.2	(17.4)
Hancock	13,360	(13,350)	11,810	(11,870)	1,540	(1,480)	11.5	(11.1)
Hardy	5,940	(5,930)	5,380	(5,310)	560	(620)	9.5	(10.4)
Harrison	31,370	(31,700)	27,250	(27,400)	4,120	(4,300)	13.1	(13.6)
Jackson	10,160	(10,260)	8,290	(8,310)	1,870	(1,960)	18.4	(19.1)
Jefferson	18,590	(18,510)	15,710	(15,690)	2,880	(2,820)	15.5	(15.2)
Kanawha	101,790	(102,720)	91,930	(91,980)	9,860	(10,740)	9.7	(10.5)
Lewis	7,960	(7,880)	6,610	(6,590)	1,350	(1,280)	17.0	(16.3)
Lincoln	8,370	(8,290)	6,800	(6,720)	1,570	(1,570)	18.8	(19.0)
Logan	14,030	(14,100)	11,910	(11,960)	2,120	(2,140)	15.1	(15.2)
McDowell	7,230	(7,330)	5,750	(5,720)	1,480	(1,610)	20.4	(21.9)
Marion	23,870	(23,570)	19,820	(20,200)	4,040	(3,370)	16.9	(14.3)
Marshall	16,090	(15,660)	13,090	(13,210)	3,000	(2,450)	18.6	(15.6)
Mason	10,200	(10,400)	8,140	(8,210)	2,050	(2,190)	20.1	(21.1)
Mercer	27,620	(28,060)	24,440	(24,570)	3,180	(3,490)	11.5	(12.4)
Mineral	10,940	(11,010)	9,880	(9,870)	1,050	(1,140)	9.6	(10.4)
Mingo	12,190	(12,120)	10,760	(10,760)	1,430	(1,360)	11.7	(11.2)
Monongalia	42,420	(42,490)	39,560	(39,550)	2,870	(2,940)	6.8	(6.9)
Monroe	5,350	(5,410)	4,770	(4,760)	580	(650)	10.9	(12.0)
Morgan	5,430	(5,400)	4,780	(4,780)	650	(630)	12.0	(11.6)
Nicholas	9,680	(10,010)	7,670	(7,650)	2,000	(2,360)	20.7	(23.6)
Ohio	24,550	(24,850)	22,170	(22,380)	2,380	(2,470)	9.7	(9.9)
Pendleton	4,070	(4,050)	3,730	(3,730)	340	(320)	8.4	(7.9)
Pleasants	2,360	(2,390)	1,880	(1,880)	480	(510)	20.2	(21.3)
Pocahontas	5,330	(5,660)	4,730	(4,840)	600	(820)	11.3	(14.5)
Preston	13,960	(14,220)	12,320	(12,320)	1,640	(1,900)	11.7	(13.4)
Putnam	17,850	(18,080)	15,420	(15,430)	2,420	(2,650)	13.6	(14.6)
Raleigh	29,940	(30,080)	25,800	(25,730)	4,140	(4,350)	13.8	(14.5)
Randolph	12,570	(12,830)	10,610	(10,680)	1,960	(2,160)	15.6	(16.8)
Ritchie	5,600	(5,730)	4,750	(4,730)	850	(1,010)	15.2	(17.6)
Roane	5,610	(5,730)	4,200	(4,260)	1,420	(1,470)	25.2	(25.7)
Summers	4,570	(4,610)	3,640	(3,630)	930	(980)	20.3	(21.2)
Taylor	6,250	(6,310)	5,340	(5,370)	910	(940)	14.6	(14.9)
Tucker	4,270	(4,310)	3,740	(3,710)	530	(600)	12.4	(14.0)
Tyler	4,940	(4,980)	4,380	(4,420)	570	(570)	11.4	(11.4)
Upshur	8,780	(8,950)	7,190	(7,230)	1,590	(1,710)	18.1	(19.2)
Wayne	16,990	(17,280)	14,510	(14,490)	2,480	(2,780)	14.6	(16.1)
Webster	3,120	(3,220)	2,520	(2,510)	600	(710)	19.3	(22.0)
Wetzel	9,930	(9,910)	8,560	(8,640)	1,370	(1,280)	13.8	(12.9)
Wirt	2,210	(2,210)	1,800	(1,790)	410	(420)	18.4	(19.0)
Wood	42,780	(42,810)	38,010	(38,080)	4,770	(4,740)	11.1	(11.1)
Wyoming	7,070	(7,360)	5,890	(6,080)	1,190	(1,280)	16.8	(17.4)
Statewide	782,400	(788,900)	677,800	(679,100)	104,700	(109,800)	13.4	(13.9)

All data have been revised to March 1991 benchmark.
Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

Partnership for Progress Area Unemployment Rates

WV Series / BLS Series ***February 1992***

A look at the February 1992 West Virginia series unemployment rates for the Partnership for Progress Areas provides a mixed view of mid-winter labor market conditions. There were nearly as many decreases in the unemployment rate as there were increases for the month. Of those areas posting gains, Areas 8, 4, 6, and 2 gained two-tenths of a percent or less. Only Area 1 expanded substantially (+0.7) in February. Declines in the unemployment rate were recorded by Area 9 (-0.1), Area 7 (-0.3), Area 5 (-0.9), and Area 3 (-0.6). The highest rate was registered by Area 6 (10.3) while Area 7 provided the lowest (7.3). Although the statewide number of unemployed has grown when compared to February 1991, this group has actually decreased when compared with the previous month. The typical February labor market behavior mirrors January with a general gain in the number of unemployed and ultimately, the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	112.9	113.3	112.4
Employment	105.3	105.3	105.9
Unemployment	7.6	8.0	6.6
Rate (%)	6.7	7.0	5.8
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	126.5	126.8	125.5
Employment	117.3	117.2	117.4
Unemployment	9.1	9.6	8.1
Rate (%)	7.2	7.6	6.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	68.9	68.8	68.8
Employment	64.2	64.2	64.2
Unemployment	4.7	4.6	4.6
Rate (%)	6.9	6.7	6.7
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	67.5	67.6	68.1
Employment	62.2	62.7	63.6
Unemployment	5.3	4.8	4.5
Rate (%)	7.8	7.1	6.6
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	37.4	37.7	36.8
Employment	34.2	34.3	33.7
Unemployment	3.3	3.3	3.1
Rate (%)	8.8	8.8	8.5
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.6	11.8	11.3
Employment	10.0	10.0	9.9
Unemployment	1.6	1.8	1.4
Rate (%)	13.8	15.5	12.0
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.7	53.8	50.0
Employment	50.9	50.9	47.6
Unemployment	2.8	2.9	2.4
Rate (%)	5.2	5.4	4.9
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	13.9	14.0
Employment	12.7	12.8	12.8
Unemployment	1.2	1.1	1.2
Rate (%)	8.6	7.9	8.8
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.0	20.4	20.2
Employment	18.0	17.9	18.1
Unemployment	2.1	2.5	2.1
Rate (%)	10.4	12.4	10.4

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.6	120.8	119.0
Employment	107.4	107.4	109.5
Unemployment	12.3	13.4	9.5
Rate (%)	10.3	11.1	8.0
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	133.7	135.1	131.6
Employment	117.6	117.8	119.1
Unemployment	16.1	17.2	12.6
Rate (%)	12.1	12.8	9.5
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	73.8	73.9	73.0
Employment	65.9	66.2	66.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.7	6.9
Rate (%)	10.7	10.5	9.4
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	72.7	72.8	72.2
Employment	63.9	64.7	65.5
Unemployment	8.8	8.1	6.7
Rate (%)	12.1	11.2	9.3
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	40.1	40.6	39.4
Employment	34.8	35.0	34.8
Unemployment	5.3	5.6	4.6
Rate (%)	13.3	13.7	11.6
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.8	13.2	12.2
Employment	10.2	10.2	10.2
Unemployment	2.6	3.1	2.0
Rate (%)	20.4	23.2	16.1
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	56.4	56.7	52.8
Employment	51.9	51.9	49.2
Unemployment	4.5	4.8	3.5
Rate (%)	8.0	8.5	6.7
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.9	14.9	15.0
Employment	12.9	13.1	13.2
Unemployment	1.9	1.8	1.8
Rate (%)	13.0	12.4	11.9
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.7	22.5	21.8
Employment	18.3	18.3	18.7
Unemployment	3.4	4.2	3.0
Rate (%)	15.6	18.8	14.0

Charleston Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment (jobs) remained unchanged for the month of February 1992 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector declined slightly (-100) over the month, primarily in manufacturing (-100). The service-producing industries advanced by 100 during February 1992, with a 300 job decline in total trade being countered by an increase in services (+300). Comparison with year-ago February 1992 total nonfarm payroll data reveals a solid increase of 1,100 jobs. The yearly advance occurred totally in the service-producing sector (+1,200) as total services increased by 1,600 jobs. Total government advanced by 200, while trade (-300), finance, insurance and real estate (-200) and transportation and public utilities (-100) each declined over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment decreased by 400 persons during February 1992. The corresponding MSA monthly unemployment rate declined to 6.7 percent of the civilian labor force. However, total unemployment advanced sharply (+1,000) over the year, with the unemployment rate increasing from 5.8 percent to the current level of 6.7 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	112.9	113.3	112.4
Employment	105.3	105.3	105.9
Unemployment	7.6	8.0	6.6
Rate (%)	6.7	7.0	5.8

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	119.6	120.8	119.0
Employment	107.4	107.4	109.5
Unemployment	12.3	13.4	9.5
Rate (%)	10.3	11.1	8.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Feb.'92	*Revised Jan.'92*	*Revised Feb.'91*	*Change From: Jan. 1992*	*Feb. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	110.4	110.4	109.3	0.0	1.1
PRIVATE SECTOR	90.6	90.8	89.7	-0.2	0.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.8	16.9	16.9	-0.1	-0.1
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.4	0.0	-0.2
Construction	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	10.5	10.6	10.5	-0.1	0.0
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	8.7	8.8	8.8	-0.1	-0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.3	7.4	7.3	-0.1	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	93.6	93.5	92.4	0.1	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.6	8.6	8.7	0.0	-0.1
Trade	27.5	27.8	27.8	-0.3	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.1	7.2	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	20.4	20.7	20.6	-0.3	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.4	6.5	6.6	-0.1	-0.2
Services	31.3	31.0	29.7	0.3	1.6
Health Services	11.7	11.6	11.2	0.1	0.5
Government	19.8	19.6	19.6	0.2	0.2
Federal	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2
State	9.2	9.1	9.1	0.1	0.1
Local	8.5	8.4	8.6	0.1	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'92	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*
Manufacturing	$613.47	$604.56	$588.32	42.9	42.1	43.1	$14.30	$14.36	$13.65
Nondurable Goods	646.67	629.69	626.45	42.6	41.4	43.9	15.18	15.21	14.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	745.47	728.60	710.24	45.4	44.4	46.0	16.42	16.41	15.44

Huntington-Ashland-Ironton Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, West Virginia; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, Kentucky; Lawrence, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment during February 1992 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA increased by 200 jobs. The goods-producing industries declined by 100 from January, while the service-producing industries advanced by 300. Construction was the only industry to decline in the goods-producing sector (-100), as the other goods-producing industries remained unchanged from January. The decline in construction in February is a seasonal fluctuation. In the service-producing sector, government advanced by 500 (reflecting the return of the student workers at Marshall University) with another increase of 200 on the local level. Services advanced by 300 over the month. Transportation and public utilities decreased (-100), while trade (-300) and finance, insurance and real estate declined (-100).

UNEMPLOYMENT: Unemployment decreased by 500 during February in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. The February level of 9,100 represents an increase of 1,000 from February 1991. The unemployment rate for February 1992 (7.2 percent) shows a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from January 1992 and an increase of 0.7 of one percent from February 1991.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	Revised Jan. '92	Revised Feb. '91
Labor Force	126.5	126.8	125.5
Employment	117.3	117.2	117.4
Unemployment	9.1	9.6	8.1
Rate (%)	7.2	7.6	6.5

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	Revised Jan. '92	Revised Feb. '91
Labor Force	133.7	135.1	131.6
Employment	117.6	117.8	119.1
Unemployment	16.1	17.2	12.6
Rate (%)	12.1	12.8	9.5

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Feb.'92	Revised Jan.'92	Revised Feb.'91	Change From: Jan. 1992	Change From: Feb. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	109.7	109.5	108.8	0.2	0.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	89.8	90.1	89.0	-0.3	0.8
GOODS-PRODUCING	25.3	25.4	25.4	-0.1	-0.1
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	4.1	4.2	4.1	-0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	19.6	19.6	19.8	0.0	-0.2
Durable Goods	11.2	11.2	11.6	0.0	-0.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	2.6	2.6	2.8	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	0.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.4	4.4	4.2	0.0	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	84.4	84.1	83.4	0.3	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.1	7.2	8.0	-0.1	-0.9
Trade	27.3	27.6	26.9	-0.3	0.4
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.3	5.4	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	22.0	22.3	21.5	-0.3	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.8	3.9	3.8	-0.1	0.0
Services	26.3	26.0	24.9	0.3	1.4
Health Services	11.1	11.0	10.4	0.1	0.7
Government	19.9	19.4	19.8	0.5	0.1
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
State	5.1	4.8	5.0	0.3	0.1
Local	11.8	11.6	11.9	0.2	-0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'92	Jan.'92	Feb.'91	Feb.'92	Jan.'92	Feb.'91	Feb.'92	Jan.'92	Feb.'91
Manufacturing	$559.31	$556.22	$520.08	41.4	40.6	39.4	$13.51	$13.70	$13.20
Durable Goods	582.39	576.64	532.74	41.1	40.1	39.0	14.17	14.38	13.66
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	553.52	565.46	536.92	44.0	44.7	43.3	12.58	12.65	12.40
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	648.15	640.76	560.92	41.1	39.7	37.0	15.77	16.14	15.16
Nondurable Goods	527.94	527.85	498.75	42.0	41.4	39.9	12.57	12.75	12.50

Parkersburg-Marietta Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment lost 100 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during February 1992. Goods-producing businesses accounted for this reduction with construction employment declining moderately (-100). Service-producing jobs were unchanged for the month. Compared to February 1991, total nonfarm payroll employment gained 600. Goods-producing jobs in the year ago comparison however, did not fare as well losing 600. Losses were recorded in construction (-200) and manufacturing (-400). The service-producing sector registered a significant gain of 1,200 jobs over February 1991. Increases in transportation and public utilities (+100), trade (+400), services (+600), and government (+200) overshadowed a modest retreat in finance, insurance, and real estate (-100)

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment grew by 100 during February 1992 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA. The unemployment rate increased as a result from 6.7 to 6.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to February 1991 total unemployment is up 100 as well and the unemployment rate is up from 6.7 to 6.9 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	Revised Jan. '92	Revised Feb. '91
Labor Force	68.9	68.8	68.8
Employment	64.2	64.2	64.2
Unemployment	4.7	4.6	4.6
Rate (%)	6.9	6.7	6.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	Revised Jan. '92	Revised Feb. '91
Labor Force	73.8	73.9	73.0
Employment	65.9	66.2	66.1
Unemployment	7.9	7.7	6.9
Rate (%)	10.7	10.5	9.4

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Feb.'92	Revised Jan.'92	Revised Feb.'91	Change From: Jan. 1992	Change From: Feb. 1991
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.8	60.9	60.2	-0.1	0.6
PRIVATE SECTOR	50.7	50.9	50.3	-0.2	0.4
GOODS-PRODUCING	16.3	16.4	16.9	-0.1	-0.6
Mining	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.5	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	13.6	13.6	14.0	0.0	-0.4
Durable Goods	6.7	6.7	6.8	0.0	-0.1
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.7	1.7	-0.1	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
Nondurable Goods	6.9	6.9	7.2	0.0	-0.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
SERVICE-PRODUCING	44.5	44.5	43.3	0.0	1.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.6	14.6	14.2	0.0	0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.9	2.9	2.8	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	11.7	11.7	11.4	0.0	0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Services	15.0	15.0	14.4	0.0	0.6
Health Services	4.8	4.7	4.6	0.1	0.2
Government	10.1	10.0	9.9	0.1	0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Local	7.1	7.0	7.0	0.1	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'92	Jan.'92	Feb.'91	Feb.'92	Jan.'92	Feb.'91	Feb.'92	Jan.'92	Feb.'91
Manufacturing	$577.51	$597.82	$561.41	40.9	41.4	40.8	$14.12	$14.44	$13.76
Durable Goods	472.15	500.91	477.60	38.2	38.8	38.3	12.36	12.91	12.47
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	586.49	593.83	570.70	44.6	43.0	42.4	13.15	13.81	13.46
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	458.58	489.65	472.55	33.4	35.1	36.1	13.73	13.95	13.09
Nondurable Goods	711.29	719.22	657.05	44.4	44.7	43.6	16.02	16.09	15.07

Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 500 during February 1992 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport Metropolitan Statistical Area. The majority of this monthly decline occurred in the local goods-producing sector (-400) particularly in mining (-200). Construction (-100) and manufacturing (-100) also experienced decreases. The local service-producing sector declined by 100 as trade (-200) and government (-100) showed declines while service increased by 200. Transportation and public utilities as well as finance insurance and real estate remained stable in February with no change. Comparison with year-ago February 1991 figures indicates a decline of 700 jobs in nonfarm payroll. In the goods-producing industries manufacturing fell by 300, while construction dropped by 200. Mining remained stable over the year. The service-producing sector declined by 200 jobs during the year. Trade (-400) and government (-400) had significant losses which were offset in part by increases in services (+400), TPU (+100), and FIRE (+100). No labor-management disputes were recorded for February 1992.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment increased by 500 during February 1992 in the MSA, with the corresponding unemployment rate increasing to 7.8 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates an increase of 800 unemployed over the year with the unemployment rate advancing from 6.6 percent to the current 7.8 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	67.5	67.6	68.1
Employment	62.2	62.7	63.6
Unemployment	5.3	4.8	4.5
Rate (%)	7.8	7.1	6.6

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*
Labor Force	72.7	72.8	72.2
Employment	63.9	64.7	65.5
Unemployment	8.8	8.1	6.7
Rate (%)	12.1	11.2	9.3

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Feb. '92	*Revised Jan. '92*	*Revised Feb. '91*	*Change From: Jan. 1992*	*Dec. 1991*
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	58.3	58.8	59.0	-0.5	-0.7
PRIVATE SECTOR	49.3	49.7	49.6	-0.4	-0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	10.2	10.6	10.7	-0.4	-0.5
Mining	2.0	2.2	2.0	-0.2	0.0
Construction	1.3	1.4	1.5	-0.1	-0.2
Manufacturing	6.9	7.0	7.2	-0.1	-0.3
Durable Goods	2.7	2.8	2.8	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	48.1	48.2	48.3	-0.1	-0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
Trade	14.8	15.0	15.2	-0.2	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	12.1	12.3	12.5	-0.2	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
Services	17.8	17.6	17.4	0.2	0.4
Health Services	7.9	7.9	7.8	0.0	0.1
Government	9.0	9.1	9.4	-0.1	-0.4
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	-0.1
Local	6.5	6.6	6.8	-0.1	-0.3
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.'92	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*	*Feb.'92*	*Jan.'92*	*Feb.'91*
Manufacturing	$539.77	$523.34	$541.14	38.5	38.2	39.1	$14.02	$13.70	$13.84
Nondurable Goods	599.05	579.27	611.05	41.2	41.2	40.9	14.54	14.06	14.94
Durable Goods	467.81	458.04	449.21	35.2	34.7	36.7	13.29	13.20	12.24

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS					Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
		Active File	Received Program Year to Date	Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total		
TOTAL	158,477	73,965	25,894	2,146	1,243	19,275	6.1	34.5
Professional, Technical & Managerial	16,479	7,615	940	174	106	379	17.5	43.8
Clerical & Sales	41,778	16,852	5,851	646	292	3,780	7.1	26.1
Services	19,252	8,040	4,668	308	97	3,268	4.1	26.1
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	1,531	832	105	48	34	35	14.6	17.3
Processing	8,439	4,290	625	116	101	552	13.5	37.0
Machine Trades	10,983	5,685	866	113	55	526	12.7	50.3
Benchwork	6,563	3,353	543	80	56	337	12.1	41.9
Structural Work	27,609	15,171	1,523	199	128	904	18.1	76.2
Miscellaneous	32,431	13,924	10,773	462	374	9,494	3.0	30.1
Transportation	7,310	3,723	821	97	46	478	8.9	38.4
Packaging & Materials Handling	18,356	6,224	9,423	245	227	8,710	1.9	25.4
Other	6,765	3,977	529	720	101	306	12.8	5.5
Entry Total	20	1	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991	Percent Change: Jan. 1992	Percent Change: Feb. 1991
Initial Claims	9,228	17,278	9,306	-46.6	-0.8
Weeks Claimed	115,669	129,019	118,134	-10.3	-2.1
Benefits Paid	$14,871,385	$15,560,107	$14,854,526	-4.4	0.1
Weeks Compensated	98,166	103,097	99,854	-4.8	-1.7
Average Weekly Payment	$151.49	$150.93	$148.76	0.4	1.8
Trust Fund Balance, End of Month	$135,233,969	$140,047,419	$126,907,055	-3.4	6.6

Workers' Compensation

Select Workers' Compensation Claims Activities

	Feb. 1992	Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991	Percent Change: Jan. 1992	Feb. 1991
Temporary Disability Benefits Paid	5,962,088	6,358,917	5,302,015	-6.2	12.4
Medical Benefits Paid	6,965,640	5,802,962	8,210,690	20.0	-15.2
Permanent Partial Disability Benefits Paid	4,568,633	3,214,682	3,860,978	42.1	18.3
Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	8,401,610	9,076,354	5,864,405	-7.4	43.3
Benefits to Dependents of Fatalities	1,917,426	1,565,388	1,476,461	22.5	29.9
Funeral Benefits Paid	37,667	3,500	7,000	976.2	438.1
Miscellaneous Benefits Paid*	126,345	222,450	87,837	-43.2	43.8
DWRF** Permanent Total Disability Benefits Paid	602,131	677,253	602,252	-11.1	0.0
DWRF** Benefits Paid to Dependents of Fatalities	987,090	978,949	978,021	0.8	0.9
Sum of All Benefits Paid	29,568,631	27,900,455	26,389,658	6.0	12.0

** Includes returned benefit checks, attorney fees and specified dependent benefits.*
*** Disabled Workers' Relief Fund provides benefits to meet the weekly minimum benefit payable for worker's injured prior to July 1, 1971.*

Select Job Training Partnership Act Characteristics

Performance Standard Report
July 1, 1990 - June 30, 1991

Job Training Program	Standard	Actual
Entered Employment Rate - Adults	68	68
Average Wage at Placements Adults	4.95	4.81
Cost Per Entered Employment Adults	4,500	2,284
Entered Employment Rate - Welfare Recipients	56	58
Entered Employment Rate - Youth (Out of School Programs)	45	53
Positive Termination Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	75	85
Cost Per Positive Termination - Youth	4,900	2,101
Employability Enhancement Rate - Youth (In School Programs)	33	52

Characteristics	Enrolled	Positive Outlook*
Adult	8,582	6,951
Female	5,406	4,379
Male	3,176	2,572
Youth	7,326	5,495
Female	3,882	2,912
Male	3,444	2,583
School Dropout	**	2,341
High School Graduate /Equivalent or above	**	6,355
Single Parent	**	2,777
Black	**	904
Hispanic	**	35
Handicapped	**	1,059
Unemployed	**	6,648
Welfare	**	2,841
Veterans	**	772

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